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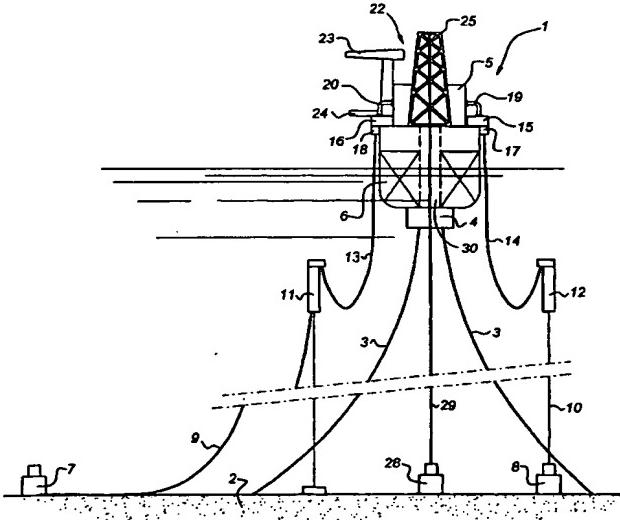
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(54) Title: RISER INSTALLATION VESSEL AND METHOD OF USING THE SAME



(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a vessel (1) for exploration of hydrocarbons. The vessel comprises one or more risers (13, 14) extending from the vessel to the seabed, a hydrocarbon processing unit (5) connected to the one or more risers and to a storage or transport structure (6) for storing the processed hydrocarbons. The vessel is anchored to the seabed, the vessel comprising a lifting means (22) for lowering risers vertically towards the sea bed and for connecting a riser with a first end to a subsea hydrocarbon structure (7), which riser comprises a connector (18) on a second end, the vessel comprising a connector (16) for attaching to the riser connector and for placing the riser in fluid connection with the processing unit.